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SUBJECT: ADMIRAL MASSERA SENDS LETTER TO ARGENTINE JEWISH LEADER

REF: STATE 157856

1. THROUGH AN OLDTIME EMBASSY CONTACT, A JEWISH BUSINESSMAN AND POLITICIAN WELL KNOWN TO ARA/ECA, JUNTA MEMBER ADMIRAL MASSERA HAS ASKED EMBASSY TO TRANSMIT A PERSONAL LETTER DATED JULY 12 TO JACOBO KOVADLOFF EXPRESSING HIS STRONG REGRETS FOR THE RECENT INCIDENTS WHICH LED TO THE FLIGHT OF THE KOVADLOFF FAMILY FROM ARGENTINA.

2. ROUGH TRANSLATION FOLLOWS: "INFORMED OF YOUR PRESENT SITUATION AND THE REASONS FOR YOUR DEPARTURE, I REGRET VERY MUCH THE PERSONAL CONSEQUENCES WHICH THIS SITUATION HAS PRODUCED. THE PURPOSE OF THIS LETTER IS TO EXPRESS MY SADNESS OVER THIS EXPERIENCE AND MANIFEST TO YOU THAT, HAD I KNOWN ABOUT (THE THREATS) I WOULD HAVE EXHAUSTED ALL THE MEANS POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH THE SECURITY AND TRANQUILITY WHICH PERHAPS WAS NECESSARY IN THE MOMENT OF YOUR DECISION (I.E. WHETHER TO LEAVE OR NOT). NOTWITHSTANDING THE PRESENT SITUATION OF DISTANCE, I WISH TO EXTEND TO YOU, TOGETHER

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WITH MY SINCERE OFFER OF SUPPORT, MY CORDIAL SALUTATIONS AND ASSURANCE OF MY HIGHEST ESTEEM."

3. LETTER BEING POUCHED NEXT WEEK WITH REQUEST THAT ARA/ECA TRANSMIT TO KOVADLOFF. MASSERA REQUESTED THAT LETTER BE TRANSMITTED VIA DEPARTMENT CHANNELS TO ASSURE THAT WE WERE AWARE OF ITS CONTENTS. WE HAVE INQUIRED, AND EXPECT REPLY EARLY NEXT WEEK, WHETHER MASSERA PREFERS THAT NO PUBLICITY BE GIVEN TO LETTER.  
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